OATES MAKES CHARGES

Testifies Jurist Spoke in Terms De-

rogatory to United Mine

WHEELING, W. Va., February 15 .-

Judge Dayton, when the hearing open-

Cites Case of Joe Hoblott.

Oates, who had worked for the United

strike at Colliers, W. Va., cited the case

of Joe Hoblott, a foreign miner, who

was unable to speak English. Oates said

Hoblott had been arrested at Colliers.

Hoblott had been arrested at Colliers, and "rafiroaded to jail" on a charge of contempt of Judge Dayton's court, having been sentenced to six months in jail the day after his arrest. He testified the prisoner had been denied an attorney and was not allowed to have an interpretor, and that while serving his sentence he became insane. He further testified that Hoblott is still mentally unbalanced, and is being cared for by the United Mine Workers.

Workers in conntction with the

DR. VAN SCHAICK TELLS OF NORTH SEA PERILS

Describes, in Letter Read to Congregation Here, How Travelers Prepare for Dangerous Trip.

The thrills incident to the crossing hostilities are brought home in a let ter recently received here from Rev. Dr. John Van Schaick, jr., and read yesterday before his congregation, in The 13th and L streets northwest, telling

that perilous journey, Dr. Van Schalck some weeks ago tendered his resignation from his pastorate to go abroad and participate in relief work in Belgium. At the solicitation of the governing body of his church he was persuaded to change is request to one for leave of absence

During his absence, brother ministers are occupying his pulpit, Rev. Walter S. Ufford having preached yesterday. The letter was written on the steamship Nieuw Amsterdam, eight days out from New York, with a postscript from Dover, England, and is dated January 24. It is, in part, as follows:

Trip Across Atlantic.

"After four days of fog the sun shines again. The hoarse whistle is still, the slippery decks are dry, the people are out, and never did one look on a January sea in the north Atlantic more peaceful and beautiful. Eight days have passed, and we are nearing the Scilly Islands. Tomorrow come the channel and the English warships. One poor fellow is sure to go ashore—a German reservist stowaway, found in some cornmeal down in the hold. Nearly a week he had been there with his jug of water and long loaves of hread. His adventure ends in an English prison. He won't die on the battle-field. Mrs. Van Schaick and I are both well. Every one seems calm and braced for the North sea. Every passenger has been assigned to his place in the boats. We are down for boat No. 12. The North sea is only attempted by day, and if the weather is good the danger is not great, as floating mines can be seen. However, every passenger is expected to stay on, deck with a life preserver in his lap ready to get out quickly in an emergency. The Noordam of the line struck a mine in August, but fortunately was not sunk. She is still out of commission.

"With Tertius Van Dyke, son of the American minister at The Hague, I conducted services for both Jews and Christians. As I was in charge, I had Mr. Van Dyke preach and Mrs. Van Schaick played for the service.

"I have been deeply touched by the letters received before our departure and on the steamer. I tried to answer all received before we left, and worked away happily at it until the last moment, but when we got on board we found almost a hundred more. They all said, 'Don't try to answer,' so I will not, but Mrs. Van Schaick and I have passed our happiest hours on board reading them together. For all we send back our thanks, and none need apologize for opening their hearts and telling about the things for which they care the most. Into how many homes have we looked with these letters!

Nears English Coast. on a January sea in the north Atlantic more peaceful and beautiful. Eight

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"Plunging into the dense fog banks. unending horn going, and with distant horns sometimes replying, and keeping everybody up, these familiar voices have sounded for us as one or the other has read the letters from the parish other has read the letters from the parish. It is a memorable voyage. People with us are in earnest. It is business that calls them to the old world in this sixth month of the new era. Old ways are closed; old routes are blocked; old pleasures ended; old motives lost. We are going into a new, strange Europe, but we go with confidence and joy. We are doing what we want to do, and the great thing about it is that you also want us to do it. "Dover, England, January 26." Held up here for examination by warships. Expect to proceed tomorrow by daylight over the North sea. Getting this letter off unsealed."

CONTROLLER OF TREASURY

Refuses to Join With Secretary Daniels in Submitting Disputed Point to Attorney General.

George E. Downey, controller of the Treasury, today declined to join with Secretary Daniels of the Navy in submission of a disputed point to the Attorney General of the United States for an opinion. Secretary Daniels desired a ruling in support of a navy regula-tion designed to relieve pay officers of a shore station of all responsibility for disbursements except as to the correctness of computations.

The navy regulation would make the officer certifying to the disbursing officers the correctness of pay rolls for yard labor responsible for all errors in

yard labor responsible for all errors in the pay rolls, but would not fix other repsonsibilities of which the disbursing officer would be relieved.

In refusing to join with the Secretary of the Navy in the submission of this point to the Attorney General. Controller Downey asserted the sole jurisdiction and absolute and conclusive authority of the centroller of the Treasury to pass upon disbursements of public moneys, and to construe the laws governing such disbursements.

Controller Downey in his letter rejecting the proposition of the Secretary of the Navy cited many opinions of former Attorneys General and findings of courts, including the United States Court of Claims.

"I can see no propriety in or reason for my joining in such a reference," said Controller Downey. "The law has cast upon the controller of the Treasury the duty not only of deciding upon the facts, but also of construing the law in connection with the settlement of the public accounts, and particularly those acounts that involve expenditure of public moneys."

CLOTURE RESOLUTION UP.

Discussion on Burton Request for Information Halted. Senator Burton today had before the

Senate a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish certain information as to the possible purchase of interned ships by the gov-

Discussion of this resolution was interrupted at 2 o'clock, when the un-finished business of the Senate, Senator Reed's resolution providing for ending the debate on the ship bill February 19 and taking a vote on it, automatically

came up. came up.

Senator Reed immediately moved to lay on the table Senator Galvelinger's motion to send the resolution to the rules committee, together with the instructions to the committee adopted by the Senate on the motion of Senator Reed and the Norris amendment to those instructions.

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Senator Reed took this course in order to eliminate the various steps which would be necessary under the rules of the Senate to send the resolution to the committee and get back the report.

Prairie Oil Announces Cut. The Prarie Oil and Gas Company to-day ana inced a cut of 5 cents a barrel in the price of crude oil. The new price is 40 cents a barrel,

INVASION BY AIRSHIPS **ALLEGED BY CANADIANS**

Two Machines Said to Have Approached Ottawa From the United States.

OTTAWA, Ont., February 15 .- The Canada from the direction of Morrisown, N. Y., last night, returned to the United States across the St. Lawrence iver, flying over Brockville at about Church of Our Father, Universalist, 1:30 o'clock this morning, according to the Dominion police. The incident, it how passengers prepare themselves for was said, would be reported to the State Department at Washington. Various persons told the police that

the first of the machines approached Brockville at 8:10 o'clock last night, and that the second followed in the Both were said to have disappeared in telegraphed here and the lights in and round the parliament buildings and the government house were extin-

Both Carried Searchlights.

Both machines were described as car ying searchlights, which were directed upon the ground over which they were flying. A daughter of Edward Billings, a farmer living near Brock ville, said one of the aeroplanes flev only fifty feet above her.

Both machines went over Brockville, the police assert, on their way back to the United States. Persons living in Bellamy, a village on the Canadian PJacific railway, north of Brockville, saw flashes in the sky they thought were caused by lightning, the police say. The report that a fire ball was dropped on Brockville was denied there today.

Alleged to Be Fireworks Balloons. OGDENSBURG, N. Y., February 15 .-Young men living in Morristown, on he American side of the international line, opposite Brockville, said today

that shortly after 9 o'clock last night

they sent up three fireworks ballons, each of which exploded high in the air above Brockville Reports today from Morristown were to the effect that it was believed there that these balloons were mistaken for aeroplanes by persons living across the line in Canada.

TWENTY-NINTH REUNION OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Graduates of '86 Gather at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Lewis-Officers Are Elected.

The class of '86, 'Washington High School, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Lewis, at their residence 1669 31st street, Saturday evening, the occasion being the twenty-ninth an-Guests who attended included two
members of the faculty of the old
Washington High School in the years

Send Memorial to President when this class was attending that school, Miss Lydia M. Dame, who taught Latin, and Miss Annie M. Wilon, instructor in drawing. Miss Dame is at present teaching at a girls' high school at Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Wilson is still superintendent of drawing in the public schools here. Others present included Miss Marian White, Mrs. Effie B. Decker, Col. and

Mrs. Henry C. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey S. Knight, Dr. and Mrs. J. Ram-say Nevitt, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Shoemaker, Miss A. May At Lee, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Speiden, Mrs. E. C. Branden burg, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bates and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Williams. Class officers for the easuing year were elected as follows: President, Miss Marian White; first vice president, DECLINES TO ASK OPINION

Mrs. H. C. Fisher; second vice president, Mrs. Effle B. Decker; secretary dent, Mrs. Effle B. Decker; secretary dent, Mrs. Effle B. Decker; secretary Decker; between the president, Mrs. Effle B. Decker; secretary Decker; between the president, Mrs. Effle B. Decker; second vice president, Mrs. Effle B. Decker; secretary dent, Mrs. Effe B. Decker; secretary dent, Mrs. Effe

BURLESON TO BE ASKED TO RESTORE POST OFFICE

Merchants Will Appeal to Higher Authority, Postmaster Pracger Having Refused.

City Postmaster Praeger having refused to grant the request of merchant and other blusiness men for the res toration of postal facilities in the Pos Office Department building, a committee representing the 1,500 or more sign ers of a petition urging this restoration master General. This decision was eached at a meeting of the committee this afternoon in the rooms of the Retail Merchants' Association. present were Ididore Grosner, chairman; Lem Towers, jr.; W. A. Harris, ed here today. Charles Muncaster, Carl Brodt and L.

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A letter is to be sent to the Postmaster General containing a copy of
the resolution urging the restoration
of postal facilities in the department
building, which was adopted at a meeting of business men held several weeks
ago. Alleged defects in the present
system of branch post offices are to
be pointed out and reasons why the
merchants believe postal facilities
should be provided in the Post Office
Department building are to be advanced. The committee will ask that
it be given an opportunity to present
its views at a public hearing.

INVESTIGATE PROTESTS AGAINST SANATORIUM

Commissioners to Hear Chevy Chas and Pinehurst Complaints

Action on the request of Pinehurst and Chevy Chase residents that the license Chevy Chase Sanatorium be revoked, on the ground that this institube postponed by the District Commis oners until an investigation of the charges can be made by Health Officer William C. Woodward. That official today was instructed by the Commission ers to investigate the complaint filed gainst the sanatorium, and it is considered probable that the matter can be disposed of in this way without the necessity of a public hearing on the

Pinehurst residents first called the attention of the District heads to the manner in which the sanatorium is being operated, declaring that it has become a menace to the life and health of residents of that locality. This petition was followed by the Pinehurst and Chevy Chase Citizens' Associations adopting resolutions requesting revocation of the sanatorium's license.

Officials of the institution were given until today to reply to the charges. The Commissioners would not discuss the nature of the reply, but it is understood to be a general denial of the allegations. Pinehurst residents first called the at

REFORM CLUB MAKES PLEA FOR FREEDOM OF TRADE

Send Memorial to President

"War of Commercial Freedom" is the itle of a memorial sent to President Wilson today by the trustees of the Reform Club of New York. The club maincease on earth until trade has become free the world over. The nations of the Howard R. Bayne, John J. Murphy, John De Witt Warner and Alfred A. Whitman.

Charles H. Bates; poet, Mrs. Edgar Speiden; historian, Mrs. J. Ramsay

Nevitt.

Schools to Honor Washington.

Plans for the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington are being made in the District public schools. Exercises are to be held Friday, as the 22d falls on Monday, and as this is a legal holiday the schools will be closed.

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METER INSPECTION BEGUN. Tests Under New Regulations for

Given, pending an investigation.

When the police entered the apartment, according to Sergt. Pearson, one of the raiders, nine men are alleged to have been found playing poker. None of the alleged players, however, was

rrested. Their names were taken by

Electric Service Inaugurated. Inspection of meters in the District tions governing the furnishing of electric service was commenced today by the public utilities commission. The first request for inspection was made by E. E. Williamson of 1869 Wyoming avenue northwest. A charge of \$1 is made by the commission for tests of meters not exceeding fifty amperes, and of \$2 for meters of greater capacity world are urged, therefore, to grant such free trade, to revise international law as regards commerce on the sea and to open the great ports of trade to the entire world without discrimination.

The trustees of the Reform Club are: Calvin Tomkins, president; John G. Agar, Henry DeF. Baldwin, Milo A. Maltbie, J. Hampton Dougherty, Frederick Cyrus Leubuscher, Byron W. Holt, Charles H. Ingersoll, Louis Strucke, Howard R. Bayne. John J. Murphy. This cost is born by the consumer in

> To Honor Suffrage Leaders Tonight Toasts to Miss Susan B. Anthony and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw are to be given at the dinner of suffrage leaders in celebration of the birthday of thes Watrous and Miss Jeanette Rankin.
> The banquet is to be at the Brighton.
> Miss Mary O'Toole is to be toastmistress. The committee of arrangements
> consists of Miss O'Toole, Mrs. Frank
> Hiram Snell and Miss Florence Stiles.

WAR DEPARTMENT GIVES AGAINST JUDGE DAYTON PLAN FOR FIELD ARMIES

Twelve Militia Divisions Contemplated-Total Strength, 400,000 Men.

Direct testimony that Federal Judge for organizing the regular army and the A. G. Dayton of the northern district militia of the various states into field of West Virginia had spoken in terms armies, ready to respond without conderogatory to the United Mine Workers fusion to a call for emergency service, are of America was presented to the sub-committee of the House of Representa-division of the department. tives investigating the charges against

Judge Dayton, when the hearing opened here today.

The members of the committee, Representatives D. J. McGillicuddy, H. G. Danforth and Warren Gard, arrived here yesterday from Parkersburg, W. Va., where testimony was taken last week. James Oates of Charleroi, Pa., an organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, was the witness who startled the large crowd in the court-room with his testimony. Answering startled the large crowd in the courtroom with his testimony. Answering
questions propounded by A. M. Belchor,
an attorney of Charleston, W. Va., he
declared he had heard Judge Dayton
make the statement that the United
Mine Workers as an association was a
criminal conspiracy and the officers
were criminal conspirators and ought
to be in jail. artillery branches, but there is a serie shortage in coast artillery, cavalry and

sanitary corps. States consequently are urged to transfer their unutilized infantry units to other branches of the service to complete their share in the divisional organizations. The organized militia of the District of Columbia is assigned to the seventh di-The organized militia of the District of Columbia is assigned to the seventh division, and will mobilize at Fort Myer, Va. The other militia troops in that division are those of Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. The District's quota to coast defenses and to the local division is stated at 984.

STORY-TELLING SOCIETY INCORPORATES HERE

merican History Story-Telling Asso pretor, and that while serving his sentence he became insane. He further testified that Hoblott is still mentally unbalanced, and is being cared for by the United Mine Workers.

FACES GAMBLING CHARGE.

George Lockhart Held Following Raid on Alleged Poker Players.

Swooping down upon apartment No. 50 at 1412 Massachusetts avenue northwest early yesterday morning, police of the second precinct, led by Lieut. Murphy, raided the place and arrested a man giving his name as George Lockhart on a charge of permitting gaming on the premises. He gave \$300 collateral for his appearance in the Police Court. Trial of the case was postponed until later in the week by Assistant United States Attorney Ralph (lives pendident) and instory of the second precinct, led by Lieut. Murphy, raided the place and arrested a man giving his name as George Lockhart on a charge of permitting gaming on the premises. He gave \$300 collateral for his appearance in the Police Court. Trial of the case was postponed until later in the week by Assistant United States Attorney Ralph (lives permitting feature will be introduced to a number of classes of the younger members of the race at once. clation have been filed in the recorder

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Buy Furniture Now---Because

February is the time of the year to buy Furniture-at savings of 10 to 50 per cent. Recognized-important sales are now going on in every city of the United States. Not the least important one is here.

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Dining Room Tables, \$48.00 to \$95.00 values, -at \$33.50 to \$75.00.

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The China Closets, \$55.00 to \$96.50 values -at \$34.00 to \$78.00.

Buffets to match, \$63.00 to \$136.00 values -at \$47.00 to \$90.00.

Solid Quartered Oak Dining Room Furniture—Guaranteed

Chairs Standard at \$2.50 to \$7.50-at \$1.79 to \$5.75.

Dining Room Tables, \$23.00 to \$65.00 values -at \$17.00 to \$49.50.

Buffets to match, \$25.00 to \$110.00 values. -at \$17.00 to \$49.50.

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